3625

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS:	RODRIGUEZ ET AL.	ART UNIT:	3625
APPL. NO.:	09/894,508	EXAMINER:	HAQ, NAEEM U
FILED:	JUNE 28, 2001	DOCKET NO.:	A-7371
TITLE:	CONFIGURATION OPTIONS FOR TRANSACTION PROCESSING		

September 2, 2005

TRANSMITTAL OF RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application, please find:

1. __X__   8 page response w/ transmittal (in duplicate)
3. __X__   Return Postcard

Please charge any fees due to Deposit Account No. 19-0761. A duplicate original of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted:

SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO:

By: _____
Wm. Brook Lafferty
Attorney of Record

Scientific-Atlanta, Inc.
Intellectual Property Dept. MS 4.3.510
5030 Sugarloaf Parkway
Lawrenceville, GA 30044

Reg. No.: 39,259
Phone: (770) 236-2114
Fax No.: (770) 236-4806

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as FIRST CLASS MAIL in an envelope addressed to:

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on September 02, 2005

_____
Faye Ropski

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS:	RODRIGUEZ ET AL.	ART UNIT:	3625
APPL. NO.:	09/894,508	EXAMINER:	HAQ, NAEEM U
FILED:	JUNE 28, 2001	DOCKET NO.:	A-7371
TITLE:	CONFIGURATION OPTIONS FOR TRANSACTION PROCESSING		

September 02, 2005

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 2, 2005 in which the Examiner noted that the application contains claims directed to two different groups, Groups I and II. With this response Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-39, without traverse. Accordingly, please cancel Claims 40-61, without prejudice. The Applicant awaits further examination consistent with this Response.

No additional fees are believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0761.

1.   (Amended) A method in a media service system for transaction configuration, the method comprising the steps of:

enabling at least one selection by a user of at least one transaction configuration option; and

implementing at least one transaction process responsive to the selection of the at least one transaction configuration option.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one transaction configuration option is a single execution transaction option, and wherein the implementing step implements the at least one transaction process responsive to at least one selection of the single execution transaction option to enable a subscriber to initiate and complete an entire purchase in one execution.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the one execution is the depression of a remote button.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the user is an administrator.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the at least one transaction process is executed by at least one client device when a subscriber utilizes the at least one client device to complete a purchase.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the at least one transaction process is a plurality of pre-configured transaction processes provided to at least one client device by at least one selection by the administrator, and a subscriber is enabled to select from the plurality of pre-configured transaction processes to determine at least one

pre-configured transaction process to be executed by the at least one client device

when the subscriber utilizes the at least one client device to complete a purchase.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the subscriber is enabled to make at least

one selection of a plurality of particular transaction configuration options included in

the at least one pre-configured transaction process, the at least one selection causing

at least one plurality of particular transaction configuration options to be removed

from the pre-configured transaction process.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the user is a subscriber.

9.   (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the enabling step is responsive to at least

one selection by an administrator.

10.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one transaction configuration

option is a PIN option and wherein the implementing step implements the transaction

process responsive to at least one selection of the PIN option requiring a correct PIN

entry to complete a transaction.

11.   (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the correct PIN entry enables a single

execution transaction, the single execution transaction enabling a subscriber to initiate

and complete an entire purchase in one execution.

12.   (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the single execution transaction is

enabled for an active period.

13.   (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the active period exists until the user

deactivates the single execution transaction.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the active period expires after a time value, the time value being equal to an amount configured by the user.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one transaction configuration option is a multiple PINs option, and wherein the implementing step implements the transaction process responsive to at least one selection of the multiple PINs option requiring a plurality of correct PIN entries to complete a transaction.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one transaction configuration option is a subscriber login option, and wherein the implementing step implements the transaction process responsive to at least one selection of the subscriber login option.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the subscriber login option requires at least one subscriber login to complete a transaction.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the subscriber login option requires at least one subscriber login, the at least one subscriber login being specific to an individual subscriber, the at least one subscriber login of the individual subscriber activating at least one particular transaction process associated with the individual subscriber.

19. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the subscriber login option enables a plurality of subscriber logins, each of the plurality of subscriber logins allowing a particular subscriber to activate at least one particular transaction process associated with the particular subscriber.

4

20.   (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein a first of the plurality of subscriber logins is for use by an adult subscriber and a second of the plurality of subscriber logins is for use by a child subscriber.

21.   (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the subscriber login option enables the at least one transaction process for an active period.

22.   (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the active period exists until the user deactivates the at least one transaction process.

23.   (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the active period expires after a time value, the time value being equal to an amount configured by the user.

24.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one transaction configuration option is a reminder option, and wherein the implementing step implements the transaction process responsive to at least one selection of the reminder option.

25.   (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the reminder option requires at least one reminder to be presented to a subscriber to complete a transaction, the transaction involving the purchase of an event, the at least one reminder being presented at a reminder period before the event.

26.   (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the reminder period is a time period, the time period being equal to a value configured by the user.

27.   (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the reminder option requires at least one reminder to be presented to a subscriber, the at least one reminder requiring a subscriber authentication to be entered by the subscriber to complete a transaction.

5

28.   (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein the subscriber authentication comprises a PIN entry.

29.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one transaction configuration option is a notifier option, and wherein the implementing step implements the transaction process responsive to at least one selection of the notifier option.

30.   (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the notifier option requires a notification icon to be presented to a subscriber, the notification icon being associated with a particular transaction process, and the notification icon indicating the particular transaction process is currently enabled.

31.   (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the particular transaction process comprises a single execution transaction option.

32.   (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the notifier option requires a notification barker be presented to a subscriber to indicate a particular transaction process is currently enabled, the notification barker comprising an interface screen to be presented to the subscriber.

33.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one transaction configuration option is a billing preference option, and wherein the implementing step implements the transaction process responsive to at least one selection of the billing preference option.

34.   (Original) The method of claim 33, wherein the billing preference option enables the user to choose a billing method, the billing method being a charge to a cable bill.

35.   (Original) The method of claim 33, wherein the billing preference option enables the user to choose a billing method, the billing method being a charge to a credit card.

36.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one transaction configuration option is a plurality of transaction configuration options, the plurality of transaction configuration options comprising at least one of a single execution transaction option, a PIN option, a multiple PIN option, a subscriber login option, a reminder option, a notifier option, and a billing preference option.

37.   (Original) The method of claim 36, wherein at least one selection is a plurality of selections by the user, a first of the plurality of selections is of a PIN option, a second of the plurality of selections is of a reminder option, and a third of the plurality of selections is of a notifier option, the implementing step implements the transaction process responsive to the plurality of selections of the PIN option, the reminder option, and the notifier option.

38.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one transaction configuration option is a disable single execution transaction option, and wherein the implementing step implements the at least one transaction process responsive to at least one selection of the disable single execution transaction option preventing a subscriber from being able to utilize a single execution transaction.

39.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one transaction process is implemented by a client device in association with a request for a purchase of a particular media service.

Claims 40-61 (Cancelled)

Conclusion

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. Applicant has elected Group I, pertaining to claims 1-39. Claims 40-61 have been canceled. Should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions that would place the subject patent application in better condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted:

SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO:

By: _____

Wm. Brook Lafferty
Attorney of Record
Reg. No. 39,259
Phone: (770) 236-2114
Fax No.: (770) 236-4806

Scientific-Atlanta, Inc.
Intellectual Property Dept. MS 4.3.510
5030 Sugarloaf Parkway
Lawrenceville, GA 30044

Certificate of Mailing

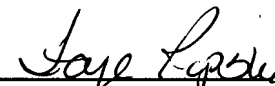I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as FIRST CLASS MAIL in an envelope addressed to:

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on September 02, 2005

Faye Ropski

8